THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

Bible Material: Luke 1:1-4; 2:1-14; Acts 1:1-5.

Devotional Reading: Galatians 4:4-7.

Gospel Preface

Lesson for October 5, 1958

THE FIRST three books of the New Testament were not the first to be written. Earlier than these gospels are the letters of Paul. If it had been left to him, there would have been no gospels, for he seems to have taken very little interest in the personal career of Jesus of Nazareth. But there must have been many early Christians who kept asking: Did Jesus do anything in this world but die? If he was a teacher what did he have to say? Where did he live, and how? Who were his friends and his enemies? What did he do or say that made some people hate him enough to kill him? What did he do or say that made other men believe he was the Son of God?

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The first three gospels were all written to answer such questions. It is these gospels that will be the source-material for the lessons used by the eighty-plus denominations using the "international" lessons. They will be studying the One in whom we all are one.

The World

The spotlight of interest in the gospels is, of course, Jesus himself. The gospel writers do not include long chapters on historical background, as we might wish they did; for the first readers knew the background very well, they were a part of it. Luke, however, piles a lot of proper names into his third chapter as if it were anchoring the gospel story in the general story of history, the story of mankind. The gospels are about a real person who lived in a real world. You could have followed him around with a movie camera. The time of Christ was not the "once upon a time" of fairy tales. He was a contemporary of certain Roman and Greek officials very well known, when Luke was writing, otherwise there would have been no sense in mentioning them. Those names, if we take the trouble to study them, set before us in one sentence the Roman empire, a great power system, its far-flung provinces controlled by career men in the pay of Rome, imposing peace on the world, holding even the priesthood of a little obscure people like the Jews as part of their great political system.

The Hope

In his empire, and so to speak beneath it, subjects but not citizens, lived the Jews. Most of them then, as now, lived outside of Palestine. But all Jews to some extent, and the Jews of Palestine intensely, looked forward to a New Age, a time when God would "redeem his people" as they put it; that is, when God would not only "restore the kingdom" to Israel but would make Jerusalem the center and capital of the whole world, in an age where all the best dreams and hopes of the prophets for an age of righteousness and justice and peace would come true.

Center of this hope was the "Messiah" or "Christ" (two words meaning the same thing), who in some way—they were not clear just how—would start that New Age and be its emperor forever.

The Story

The gospels tell the story of the man whose neighbors called him Jesus, and whose most intimate friends, under strict secrecy, called him Messiah. The general public, the Jews at large kept dinging at him to say whether he was, or was not, the Messiah, but he kept public silence on that point almost to the end. You might say that the gospels are the story of the real Messiah came to the very people who were looking for him, but came in a way that shocked them into violent opposition and even hatred. All three "synoptic" gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, tell the story in much the same way; John has his own different way. Many characters come on and off the stage, and they are real enough; but the center, as was said, is always Jesus. In these stories he comes alive as a historical Person. Across the centuries the question comes to modern as to ancient man: Here is Jesus: are you for him or against him?

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A. A. A. is warned of cut-back in U. S. road program.

County Line

County Line, Sept. 30.- Rev. Winfred Elder, who has accepted the call to preach at Hollywood, Rocky and Central Baptist Churches, will preach his first sermon at Central Sunday, at 11:00 A. M.

Our sympathy goes out to the loved ones of Mrs. Ilene Mayberry Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleshman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Coleamn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferguson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ferguson Sunday. Mrs. Leonard Cawthorn was also a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Irby and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Davis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Roland, near Gretna.

Mr. Elliotte Nash and Mr. Jackson Burks spent the week-end with their families here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Clarke, of near Brookneal attended Sunday School at Central Sunday A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosser, of Hampton spent the week-end with Mrs. Walter Arrington.

Mr. John Love is now back home and getting on well. Those visiting him Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mr. Paul May and Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Lee, of Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ferguson.

A correction: Instead of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, as of last week, it should have been Airman First Class W. L. Hume and Mrs. Hume, who recently returned from France. They are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton and other relatives in Richmond and Fredericksburg. They all spent Sunday in Lynchburg with relatives. After a month's furlough, A.F.C. Hume will be stationed at Charleston, S. C.

SPOUT SPRING S. C. A.

The S. C. A. of Spout Spring school met Friday, Sept. 19. The meeting was conducted by Dolly Ferguson, acting president. Devotional was conducted by Ginger Bean and Dolly Ferguson. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Roger Grubbs; vice-president, Marshall Chatham; secretary, Ruby Mayberry; reporter, N. H. Jones; song leaders, Ronnie Williams and Carolyn Coleman.

The following committees were appointed: program, Ginger Bean, chairman; lunchroom, Patsy Mayberry, chairman; grounds and building, Sandra Robertson, chairman; publicity, N. H. Jones, chairman; health, Dolly Ferguson, chairman; library, Jill Henry, chairman; safety, Dale Cyrus, chairman; welfare, Brenda Carson, chairman.

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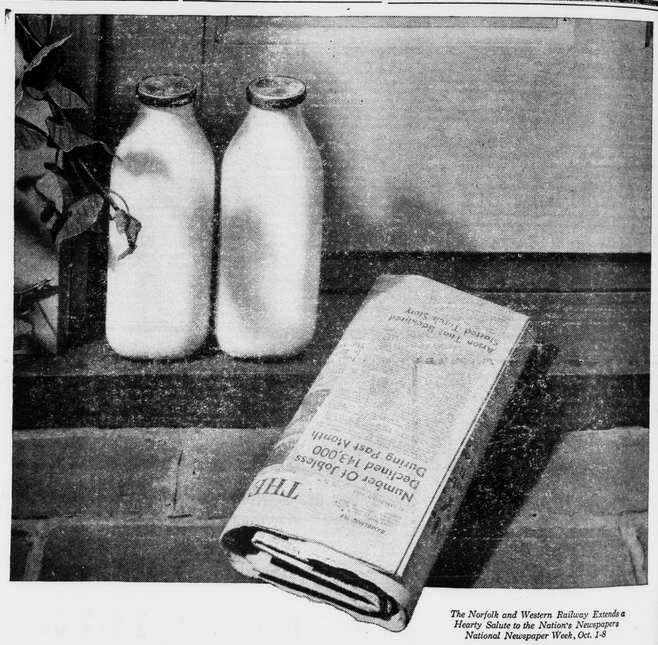

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DEATHS

PAULETTE

Ashby Paulette, 37, automobile dealer, died unexpectedly Monday near here Sunday at

born in Appomattox County, 1921, son of Robert and Annie Wheeler Paulette of Appomattox. He is also survived by his wife, Nellie Paulette; daughters, Joetta Paulette, Ashby Helene Paulette, both at home; five brothers, Jack, Clarke, James and Temple, Appomattox; four sisters, Mrs. Franklin, Appomattox; Mrs. Kruse, Sarasota, Fla.; Mrs. M. Lawler, Forest, and Mrs. Moseley, of Portsmouth.

a member of Evergreen Church, where funeral services will be held Tuesday at 3:00 P. M., conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Elmer Greene. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers were Sam Joe Paulette, Jimmy Ryland Staples, Jimmy Clarke Williams and Randall Moore.

ARTHUR C. ALMOND

Spring- Mrs. Brucie Martin Almond, wife of Arthur C. Almond, died suddenly Monday morning at her home here.

was born in Appomattox County, Jan. 15, 1900, a daughter of the late Luther Elbert and Ella Brooks Martin. She was a member of the Salem Methodist Church and was a member of the W. S. of the Church. She was also a member of the Spout Springs Home Demonstration Club. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter Mrs. Harry Reynolds of Spout Spring; a stepson, George W. Almond and a brother, Keith Almond, of Lynchburg; sisters, Mrs. Mattie Moon and Mrs. Vara Cyrus, of Spout Spring; and three brothers, John D. and J. Allen Martin and W. Martin, all of Spout Spring. Funeral services were conducted at 2 P. M. Wednesday from the Salem Methodist Church. Burial was in Berean Cemetery. Services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. Kelly. A special solo was sung by Mrs. Georgie Shindler, with Mrs. Kayfe Kelly, pianist, as organist. Pallbearers were Walton Williams, Billy Reynolds, A. B. Robert Ashworth, Norman Jones and W. E. Layne.

natural rubber use expected in July.

MISS PEYTON ABBITT

Sarah Peyton Abbitt, the 16-year-old popular and talented daughter of Appomattox Commonwealth Attorney and Mrs. George F. Abbitt, Jr., died at her home here early Saturday morning, after an illness of several months.

She was born Oct. 28, 1941, one of twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt.

The studious young girl, who had won spelling bees since the age of 11, was rated with an IQ of 150 in 1955. She was a senior at the Appomattox High School, and her ambition included the hope to be the valedictorian of her class. She was historian for the Junior Class last session, and was a member of the Senior Tri-Hi-Y. Last year she was co-literary editor of the school annual. Popular and beloved by her fellow students, she overcame the handicap of blindness to participate in all students activities with her class mates.

She was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church, assistant superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Church School, and director of intermediate and young people's groups of the church training school.

Last March Peyton won first place winner in the Fourth District American Legion Oratorical Contest, held in Petersburg. As a result of her speech, the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., has nominated her for consideration in the 1958 Annual Awards Program of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. A copy of her address for the Legion Contest, entitled, "Our Constitution, Worth Having, Worth Defending," was submitted to the Foundation. It was also carried in the Congressional Record. She won second place in the State Legion Contest.

In 1954, Peyton was awarded a Medal from the Virginia Division, U. D. C., for her essay, "A Child's Life in Confederate Days." She was then in the seventh grade, and the Appomattox Chapter awarded her first place in its contest.

In May, 1955, she was runner-up in the Lynchburg Area Spelling Contest. She and her parents, her twin sister, Penny, and younger sister, Nancy Jane were special guests at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C., as a tribute to her skill and ability, and as an inspiration to other children.

She was an active member of the Beta Club at her high school.

The story of she and the members of her family teamed up to make adjustments so as to provide Peyton with a normal life, has inspired the community and area, and has often been reported in newspaper and magazine articles.

She lost her sight completely at the age of 18 months. Countless consultations with experts, and visits to top medical centers failed to restore her vision. Her textbooks were printed in Braille, and she was able to master the use of the ordinary typewriter. In 1954, she composed an essay on, "What the American Flag Means to Me," which won widespread acclaim, and an award from Disabled American Veterans. Her essay was read into the Congressional Record by her uncle, Representative Watkins M. Abbitt.

Last spring, Peyton won a Medal from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish for placing third in a state contest in this field.

Peyton is survived by her parents, George F. Abbitt Jr. and Mrs. Josephine Cundiff Abbitt; her twin sister, Penny Abbitt; her younger sister, Nancy Jane Abbitt; her paternal uncles, Rep. Watkins M. Abbitt, of Appomattox; Herbert M. Abbitt, of Highland Springs; Col. Charles W. Abbitt, of Florida; her maternal uncle, Emory Cundiff, Jr., of Culpeper; three aunts, Mrs. E. Conner, of Appomattox; Mrs. W. B. Snead, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Frances Kelley, of Culpeper; and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Abbitt, Sr., of Appomattox.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Monday from the Liberty Baptist Church, conducted by the Rev. J. T. Cravens, pastor. Interment was in Liberty Cemetery. Active pallbearers were: Randolph Almond, Freddie Mitchell, Walter Edward Hancock, Bill Caldwell, Myron Richardson and Harold Conner.

MR. JOEL WATKINS, SR.

Funeral services for Mr. Joel Watkins, Sr., 97, who died at his Farmville residence Friday, Sept. 26, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Farmville Presbyterian Church, conducted by Dr. C. Lloyd Arehart, his pastor. Interment was in Westview Cemetery. He was Farmville's oldest citizen.

Mr. Watkins was born in the Hixburg community of Appomattox County on September 1, 1861, the son of the late William Jones Watkins and Susan June Dillard Watkins, of Henry County. His grandfather, the first Joel Watkins, was sheriff and treasurer of Appomattox County when it was formed in 1845.

He farmed until 1913, when he came to Farmville and entered the tobacco warehouse business, to which he devoted the rest of his life.

He purchased Planter's Warehouse in Farmville several years after his start there, and continued ownership and operation until his death. A son, Joel Watkins, Jr., assumed active management in recent years.

His wife, the late Sarah Marshall Watkins, whom he married in 1896, died in 1953.

He was a past president of the Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Warehousemen's Corporation. He was an elder of Farmville Presbyterian Church, where he served long and faithfully until declining health prevented.

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Katherine Watkins, of Farmville; three sons, William Jones Watkins, of Richmond; and John Marshall and Joel Watkins, Jr., of Farmville; two grandchildren, and two nieces and two nephews.

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British Conservatives to expand social services.

U. S. and Soviet to trade exhibits in 1959.

BELOW: Miss Peyton Abbitt is shown last summer, receiving an American Legion Award for her Oration on The American Constitution. Miss Abbitt won many such honors, before passing here last Saturday, while yet a Senior in High School.

J. RAYMOND LAWSON

Mr. John Raymond Lawson, 64, died of a heart attack Monday at his home here. He was born July 15, 1894, in Campbell County, a son of the late Samuel A. and Mollie Hobgen Lawson.

Mr. Lawson served with The Sunsketters on the Mexican Border in 1916. He served the U. S. Navy in World War I. He served with the U. S. Navy Seabees during World War II. He was a member of Monroe Lodge No. 301, Appomattox.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson; four sons, Dr. S. R. Lawson and Fred H. Lawson, both of Appomattox; J. R. Lawson, Jr., of Lynchburg, and Harry G. Lawson, a law student, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; four brothers, S. A. Lawson, of Appomattox; B. M. Lawson, East Orange, N. J.; and A. K. Lawson and R. W. Lawson, both of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Flora L. Stanley and Mrs. Mildred L. Scruggs, both of Appomattox; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A. M. Wednesday, from the Robinson Funeral Home, with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Richard A. Bergdoll, the Rev. J. T. Cravens, and Dr. Twyman Williams. Special organ selections were presented by Mrs. Joyce Vaughan. Pallbearers were: Leslie Godrich, Herbert Pullian, Chas. T. Moses Sr., William W. Burke, Mac Reynolds, Harry G. Johnson, Jerry Burke and Howlette Martin.

MR. FRANK B. CALE

Frank B. Cale, 63, director of vocational education for the State Department of Education, died on Wednesday in a Richmond hospital.

A native of Sparta, Va., he had attended Appomattox High School, and lived here for quite some years while serving as a district vocational agriculture supervisor, with offices in Appomattox.

He had lived in recent years at 1803 Cornell Ave., Richmond. He spent more than thirty years in the field of education.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he also did graduate work at Cornell and Louisiana State University. He served in the Army in World War I. After the War he was instructor in agriculture at the Sparta High School in Caroline County. He was principal of the school for three years. He was district supervisor and then state supervisor.

He was a past president of the Southern Association of Agricultural Engineering and Vocational Agriculture, and past member of the board of trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation.

He was given a life membership in the American Vocational Association in 1949; honorary membership in Virginia Association, Future Farmers of America in 1952; honorary American Farmers degree, F. F. A., in 1953; Gold Key Award of Distributive Education Clubs of America, 1953; Honorary Key, Future Business Leaders of America, 1953; honorary membership, Diversified Occupations Clubs of Virginia, 1954.

In 1955, Mr. Cale was awarded the Outstanding Service Award of the American Vocational Association. He was a Mason and member of Ruritan National.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Burr Cagle Cale; a son, George M. Cale, of Richmond; a daughter, Mrs. Joseph Hecht, of Newport News; a sister, Mrs. John R. Wiley, of Philadelphia; a brother, Edward Cale, of Jacksonville, Fla., and four grandchildren.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Spanish - American War veterans should not assume that Veterans Administration can pay bills for their care in non-VA "spitals", agency cautioned.

A substantial number of these veterans have entered private hospitals under the assumption that their care would be at VA expense and later found they were not eligible for this benefit.

The veterans and their families have had to accept responsibility for the cost of the hospitalization, which often has been extensive.

VA said some Spanish - American War veterans apparently have confused their eligibility for VA outpatient care with eligibility for hospitalization.

Soviet wants big powers to cut military budgets.

August newsprint consumption topped '57 level.

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Health and Beauty

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She can wear almost any kind of clothes becomingly, with the exception of frills and bows that most of us have outgrown before we reach our teens, anyway.

She has the advantage of never looking dumpy, and the middlearge spread will not hold the terror for her that it does for a short woman.

There are several points about dressing that the tall woman would do well to keep in mind.

She should be alert against too much material. She can usually wear a voluminous shirt, or a voluminous skirt, but not both.

Never wear white shoes, shoes with open toes, or shoes with ankle straps. By all means wear high heels. Flats are fine for a long walk, or for doing housework, but heels should be worn for most other occasions. If you have a large foot, and most tall people do, you must forget shoe designs that draw attention to your feet. Instead, go in for plain or tailored shoes.

Always wear longish gloves, and big jewelry is your dish. However, the same rule of amount or number of pieces applies to the tall woman as well as the short.

Choose two-color t wo-part costumes whenever possible. The Empire line is not a good one for really tall women. Choose, instead, the dropped waistline. The new shorter skirt length is a boon to tall gals.

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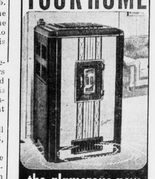

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